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MEDIA ALERT

Who: The City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department

What: The 11th Annual Rivers, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash

When: Saturday, March 27, 2004

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Volunteer registration and booth set-up.

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Distribution of gloves, garbage bags and boat tags.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Volunteers remove trash from designated zones while lunch is prepared.

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM TRASH BASH, lunch, entertainment & distribution of give-aways.

Where: Lake Houston Marina on Lake Houston. 10611 FM 1960 East, Huffman, Texas.
Just off the McCay Bridge, Key Map 338-Q.

Please make plans to join us for the 11th Annual Trash Bash as we work to clean the litter from around Lake Houston. We are expecting 800 – 900 volunteers to aid in the clean-up. Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt and BBQ lunch. The after-clean-up festivities will include a live band along with a variety of educational booths and activities.

In spite of inclement weather, last year's event saw over 510 volunteers remove over 9 tons of trash from the shores of Lake Houston, a significant source of Houston's drinking water. This year's event should be even more successful.

The clean-up around Lake Houston is one of eleven sites participating in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality-sponsored 2004 Trash Bash event. Trash Bash is held each year to raise awareness of water-related issues in the Galveston Bay area watershed.

For more information, log on to www.trashbash.org or call 281-324-2979.

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